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## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace paragraph [0118] with the following rewritten paragraph:

At the event timing 371, the (n-1)th scan storage element 67 27 performs the last scan operation in the scan mode. That is, it holds and outputs the output data 724 of the scan storage element 25 in synchronization with the rising edge of the normal operation clock at the external input terminal 13. Further, the combination circuit 158 receives the output data 724, and outputs the normal data 41 711 to the normal data line 119.

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